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ADOPTED ORPHANS:

- **JULY**
Honor, Raion
- **AUGUST**
Jaymes, Mickey,
Chloe, Huey,
Simon
- **SEPTEMBER**
Hope, Ike
- **OCTOBER**
Kiyko, Mariko,
Bartles, Lavern



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THE WORLD SERIES OF RESCUE



Tension fills the autumn air, you can hardly breathe. It's the bottom of the ninth, in the seventh game of the World Series. There are two outs, the count is 3 and 2 - and you are at bat. The weight of the world is on your shoulders. Can you pull off a miracle?

Every day rescuers across the country are down to the wire, struggling to keep the game alive, battling to get one more abandoned Akita safely home. Too often, people don't realize just how many Akitas are in need. They think, or hope, that rescue wins every game, that each Akita safely crosses home plate....

Recently MARS took in five

Akitas abandoned by their own, they could almost fill an infield. And, it wasn't long before we took in a young pup that had been tossed out of car. He wasn't much bigger than a couple of baseballs - we had an infield. As we looked around, we saw the on deck circles

were filled with abandoned Akitas waiting in shelters - waiting for a chance to show the world what they can do. They watch the game of life unfold, wondering if they will make it around the bases and arrive safely at home before the last out of the game.

Never far from our thoughts are the ones that never reach home plate. Those that had been so harmed we simply did not have the resources to help them recover or those that were out of time when there was no room. They deserve to be part of a team - they have become our angels in the outfield. Their game maybe over, but their purpose lives on as they inspire us to do our best, to keep

swinging no matter the odds. You see, in our league we all play for the same team. We don't count runs, we count lives. Where trying is what makes you a champion.

On team Rescue, volunteers act as scouts, transporters, trainers, managers and for some exceptionally smart Akitas - they act as agents. Our foster families and kennel volunteers are our farm teams, those responsible for preparing our rookies for the big leagues - a vital but extremely scarce resource that we are always looking to expand.

Well, another day is dawning and the stands are beginning to fill. A new game is about to begin, we hope you will join us in our mission to reach home.



THEN AND NOW - Raion / McShaggy



Wishing everyone a happy and safe Halloween and Thanksgiving!!!



Amber, Steffan and Boomba

"Thank you for staying in touch!"



Harley and Haley

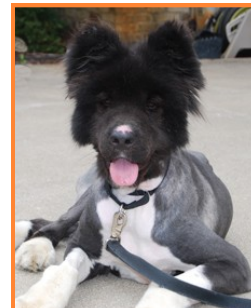
WALLEY

A year ago this fall "McShaggy" premiered on the MARS network. Tall, dark and handsome, noble Raion with a quick glance, a little woo and a kiss or two won hearts in record time. However, this young boy had a rough start in life but, his spirit remained strong. At only 18 months he was found a stray in western Michigan. Despite being dirty and matted, his inner beauty and



character shined through. His coat was so bad that the only option was to have him shaved to make sure there was no damage to his skin. Walley

now happily resides with Mary, Richard, Jynxy, Dr. Victor Von Doom, and Shark Bait (the chicken).

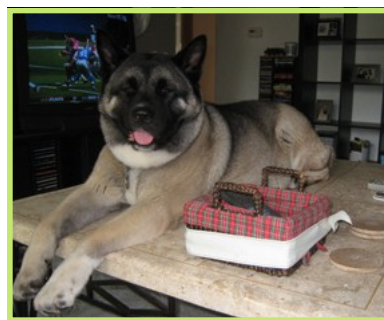


INSIDE RESCUE - Boomba

People often ask how we manage to keep going when there are so many in need and so many terrible situations. They want to know how we deal with all the sadness. We are no different than most and are inspired by the big stories—like saving the five Akitas in Kentucky. However, just as often there are those stories that don't make the "headlines". Something which comes out of the blue and reminds us why every effort is

worthwhile; like this recent email, that raised our spirits and renewed our determination—

"I was going through old e-mails and thought you might appreciate an update. Three and a half years later, Boomba continues to do well. In August of 2007 we bought a house with a large fenced in yard, and she absolutely loves it. She is a very happy girl and brings us much joy. One of her favorite places to lay is on top of



the stone cocktail table in the family room - we call it her "perch". Best wishes, Amber"

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THEN AND NOW II - Harley & Haley

The Harley-Davidson company's theme 'We Haven't Come this Far to say "Far Enough"' was used as the profile for Harley's journey to rescue. Weighing 32 lbs, ear tips missing, he said goodbye to his best bud Karl who was able to give him an encouraging wag as he passed on to the Bridge in the loving arms of a wonderful person at animal control. Volunteers felt that

Harley had further to go. They brought him to Wilmington and although he missed his friend Karl, Harley made many new friends and felt warm and safe and knew that he would never be hungry again. At 78lbs he was happy at Wilmington but his friends there did not feel that it was time to say "Far Enough". Their devotion led to us adopting Harley and he now weighs in at a

healthy 109. He has a fenced back yard, a nice warm bed, and many human friends that come to visit him. Last week he even got to go visit his friends in Wilmington who took such good care of him when he needed it most. Just when he was all settled in and feeling quite comfortable with his new life, he got a sister...

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BEST of BUNS - Raffle Winners!



Three Blonde Buns

Congratulations Chet and Dianna, for winning the "Best of Buns", summer fun photo pick! Selected photo was taken of the three "Flower Girls", Honor, Mariko and

Summer Fun, "Three Blonde Buns" Cleveland

Not ever hearing of the breed they agreed to help walk, groom, and love up these homeless dogs. What started as a "super favor" quickly turned into a passion.

"Which one would you pick?" is always the weekly question to each other. With busy schedules their life is not conducive to having a dog

Chloe (Left). Chet and Dianna answered a cry for help this spring when Cleveland area MARS orphan numbers exploded. "Akita?"



Chet and Dianna

of their own. However faithfully make the time to volunteer each week for the MARS orphans.



Saturday morning orphan walk.

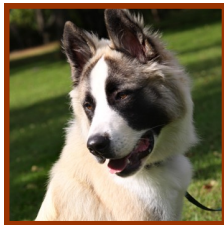
NEW ORPHANS

[Click](#) for orphan's full profiles.

Lavern & Shirley
"Puppy Love!"



Michi
"Look into my Eyes"



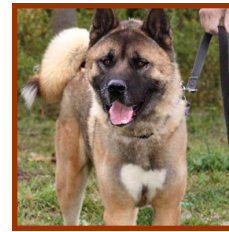
Tia
"Tia for You?"



Joni
"Woodstock"



Hendrix
"Purple Haze"



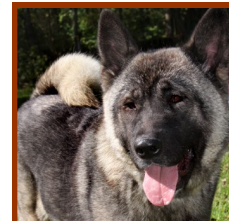
JJ
"Won't you Buy me a Mercedes Benz?"



Sly
"I'll be Your Family Stone"



Melanie
"Birthday of the Sun"



MEMORIAL - Rita



Rita & Ike

In mid-May Ike and Rita were bailed out of Anti Cruelty and taken into safety. MARS, already over flowing with orphans could not bear to not intervene. Volunteers worked very hard to transport, find space, tend to vetting and health

issues and provide TLC while working on their social skills. These two very large dogs could stand to lose weight and their long nails show they were not exercised. Speculated to be a breeding pair, however what was very clear was these two were very much in loved and bonded. Right as things were starting to look up, a wonderful woman agreed to foster these two, tragedy struck when Rita bloated. She was rushed to the emergency clinic but her life could not be saved. Mourned by many, this devastating day reminds us of all the pain and sorrow that rescue can sometimes bring.

Update on Ike

Quickly becoming a "foster failure" "Kuma Kai" is now happily residing in his forever home. "Sometimes I think he seems to be looking for Rita ... he wants to check out people's houses or cars and he longs to play with other dogs. He continues to settle in beautifully and is learning how to be a small town/country dog."



Here in this house...



I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there'.

I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.

I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.

I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.

I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness,

and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.

My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house... ~Anonymous

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NOVEMBER - Up and Coming Events

Please stay tuned for special announcements, then check our website for all of the details.

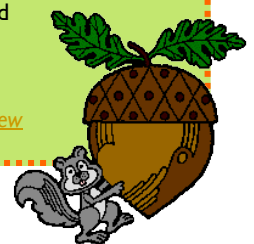
- **What lucky Akita will be featured on this year's MARS calendar?**
- **Holiday Auction**—Help us fill our Orphans stockings by participating in our Auction beginning November 27th running through December 34th. There is something for everyone, dog lovers, Akita enthusiasts and pet lovers alike!
- **Consider the "Foster a Lonely Pet" program for the holidays.**



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More Akita Stuff...

- "[Lets talk about Akitas](#)" forum on Network 54, would be happy to have more MARS members join!
- Visit MARS on [Facebook](#)
- Artwork & Story by Harold Bay Miller—[CLICK to view](#)



Thank you for opening your heart and your home to a MARS orphan.